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LYMANTRIA DISPAR LINN IN DORSET — a fine male of this species turned up in my garden m.v. trap on the night of 29th August 1985. This was a warm night with a southerly wind and the only night this August when the trap count passed the 100 mark! E. H. WILD, 7 Abbots Close, Highcliffe, Christchurch, Dorset.

PARAGE AEGERIA L. (SPECKLED WOOD) IN FIFE — On 6th October 1984, Dr. M. P. Harris was very fortunate to see a single speckled wood butterfly on the Isle of May. Not only is this the first record for this National Nature Reserve, but is also the first record for Fife this century, the only previous record being from Aberdour in 1890 (Thompson, G. *The Butterflies of Scotland*). Although there were colonies around Perth and in the Borders earlier this century these are now extinct (Heath, J., Pollard, E. and Thomas, J. 1984 *Atlas of Butterflies in Britain and Ireland*). The nearest known colonies are on the Moray/Loch Ness area on the west coast of Scotland. To the south there appear to be only isolated sites in north-east England. It would be interesting to know of any other sightings of this species away from regular haunts. P. K. KINNEAR, Nature Conservancy Council, 11 Hillview Road, Balmullo, St. Andrews, Fife.

[We hope shortly to publish a paper on the extension of the range of *aegeria* in north-east Scotland. — Ed.]